

City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas
Regular City Council Meeting
Jan 10, 2005

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
The Mayor led the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Davis, Recorder-Treasurer Curt Wilson, City Attorney Patrick Benca, Aldermen Robin Baker, Mike Kemp, Dave Holsomback and Diane Everett. Not present were Aldermen Bobby Riley and James Smith. Alderman Smith arrived at 6:35.

Minutes: Minutes of the Regular meeting held on Dec 14, 2004 were presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Holsomback. Second was made by Alderman Baker. Motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Financial Report: The Recorder-Treasurer presented the following verbal financial report:

General Fund Checking Account ...	\$ 1,996.14
Reader Board	\$ 336.72
Radio Fund	\$ 444.07
Emergency Light Fund	\$ 253.00
Reserve School Fund	\$ 330.00
Undeposited Funds	\$ 24.60
Reserve Fund (Stephens).....	\$48,024.09
 Payroll Fund	 \$ 335.95
 Street Fund Checking Account ...	 \$102,894.33
Street fund reserve account	\$ 33,135.00
Total Street Fund Assets	\$136,029.33
 LOPFI Account balance	 \$ 21,677.28
 Bond & Fine Account	 \$ 12,564.31
Court Clerk Fund	\$ 12,649.21

Text Financial reports were distributed via e-mail the day before the meeting.

Department Head Reports:

Police Chief: Richard Friend, Chief friend reported that a Reserve Officer school is currently ongoing. He reported that proceeds from the school would pay for all needed resources and put several thousand dollars into the General fund per year. Over two thousand dollars have been collected from the current class.

Chief Friend reported that two cases had been referred to the State Police and that a couple other cases had been solved.

In response to a question from Alderman Holsomback, Chief Friend reported that the current Reserve class has 25 students, which is considered full. He stated that there were eleven people already signed up to attend the next class.

Apparently, agencies from several surrounding counties and cities are utilizing the r school, including a couple who had operated their own training program in the past. Another thing Shannon Hills can be proud of!

Public Works: David Passmore, Mr. Passmore reported that all BMT tests conducted recently came back “negative.” (which is a good thing.)

A recap of activities that took place in 2004 included the following:

Since becoming involved in the “1 call” system the Water Department has conducted 129 locates in the city. The locates have prevented a number of water or sewer line punctures or breaks that would have occurred if the service was not provided.

Seventeen water leaks were reported and resolved.
Twenty sewer main stoppages were reported and opened.
Twenty-one new meters were installed in Carrington Place.
Fourteen tons of asphalt was applied to pothole repair last year.
A collapsed bridge was replaced and a new one added.
All Fire hydrants were tested and repaired where needed.
The sidewalk project was completed.
City hall was repainted
City hall parking lot was repaved and stripped.

Alderman Kemp asked about solutions to the apparent drainage problem along Shannon Hills Drive. Mr. Passmore discussed the need for work in that area and talked about citizens burning leaves in the ditches and how that activity contributed to the many clogged culverts that his staff deals with.

In addition to the verbal reports, Department heads submitted written reports that will be on file in the Recorder-Treasurer’s office

Mayor Davis announced that the council and officials were sitting in “new” chairs tonight. Nine chairs were obtained from State Surplus for a total cost of \$180.00.

Mayor Davis presented an idea about raising the housing inspection fees from the current \$18.00 to \$23.00 per inspection with the Inspectors continuing to receive the \$18.00 and the additional \$5.00 going to the city. If enough of the council members indicated an interest in that idea he would have it on the agenda at the next regular Council meeting.

Item 1:

Ordinance 2005-01, *authorizing the city to do business with J & K Automotive Repair acknowledging that Alderman James Smith is a Co-owner of the business.*

Alderman Kemp made a motion that Ordinance 2005-01 be approved. This ordinance would authorize the City to continue to do business with J & K Automotive Repair. This is needed because Mr. James Smith is a co-owner of J & K and is a member of the City Council as of Jan 1, 2005. The Motion received a second from Alderman Baker.

The Motion was approved via voice vote with no opposition. Alderman Smith abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Suspending the Rules:

Alderman Kemp made a motion to suspend the rules and place 2005-01 on the Table for *second reading*, reading only the title. Alderman Baker provided a second. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition. Alderman Smith abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Second reading of Ordinance 2005-01

Alderman Kemp made a motion that Ordinance 2005-01 be approved. The Motion received a second from Alderman Baker.

The Motion was approved via voice vote with no opposition. Alderman Smith abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Suspending the Rules:

Alderman Kemp made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2005-01 on the Table for *third and final reading*, reading only the title and invoking the emergency clause. Alderman Everett provided a second. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition. Alderman Smith abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Third reading of Ordinance 2005-01:

Alderman Kemp made a motion that Ordinance 2005-01 be approved. The Motion received a second from Alderman Baker.

The Motion was approved via voice vote with no opposition. Alderman Smith abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Ordinance 2005-01 is adopted.

Item 2:

Ordinance 2005-03, *balancing the 2004 budgets.*

Alderman Kemp made a motion that Ordinance 2005-03 be approved. This ordinance would effectively balance the 2004 budget accepting any line item overages. The Motion received a second from Alderman Everett.

The Motion was approved via voice vote with no opposition.

Suspending the Rules:

Alderman Kemp made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2005-3 on the Table for *second reading*, reading only the title. Alderman Baker provided a second. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Second reading of Ordinance 2005-03

Alderman Kemp made a motion that Ordinance 2005-03 be approved. The Motion received a second from Alderman Baker.

The Motion was approved via voice vote with no opposition.

Suspending the Rules:

Alderman Kemp made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2005-03 on the Table for *third and final reading*, reading only the title. Alderman Everett provided a second. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Third reading of Ordinance 2005-03:

Alderman Kemp made a motion that Ordinance 2005-03 be approved invoking the emergency clause. The Motion received a second from Alderman Baker.

The Motion was approved via voice vote with no opposition.

Ordinance 2005-03 is adopted.

Item 3.**Ordinance 2005-02, General Fund Budget for 2005.**

The proposed budget was presented to the Council. It was pointed out that the budget, as presented would, if adhered to and if income projections were on target, result in expending a small portion of the reserve fund. After a brief discussion it was agreed that projecting revenues of \$7000.00 from the Reserve School would balance the budget and not require a planned use of any of the reserve account. With that amendment in place...

Alderman Kemp made a motion that Ordinance 2005-02 be approved, as amended. The Motion received a second from Alderman Everett.

The Motion was approved via voice vote with no opposition.

Suspending the Rules:

Alderman Kemp made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2005-2 on the Table for *second reading*, reading only the title. Alderman Baker provided a second. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Second reading of Ordinance 2005-02

Alderman Kemp made a motion that Ordinance 2005-02 be approved. The Motion received a second from Alderman Baker.

The Motion was approved via voice vote with no opposition.

Suspending the Rules:

Alderman Kemp made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2005-02 on the Table for *third and final reading*, reading only the title. Alderman Everett provided a second. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Third reading of Ordinance 2005-02:

Alderman Kemp made a motion that Ordinance 2005-02 be approved invoking the emergency clause. The Motion received a second from Alderman Baker.

The Motion was approved via voice vote with no opposition.

Ordinance 2005-02 is adopted.

Comments:

Alderman Kemp noted that by selling the timber on the land acquired for the sewer treatment plant the city will end up expending very close to the amount planned. The city

had planned to spend \$50,000.00 for the land and ended up expending about \$63,000.00 in order to complete the transaction. However, by selling the timber for about \$12,000.00 the end result will be very close to the original planned expenditure.

Mayor Davis reported that there were a few property owners that were refusing to sign easements that were needed for the sewer expansion project. He indicated that it might be necessary to proceed with court action if other efforts fail to gain the needed easements.

Mayor Davis acknowledged the attendance of several boy scouts at tonight's meeting.

Alderman Holsomback inquired about the status of "Officer Jake" the drug dog. Were we getting him back and if so would we need to budget for his care and would he be able to work? Costs would depend on where he was kept and a Vet would have to determine if his health would permit him to work. There was a considerable amount of conversation relative to Officer Jake and drug dogs in general but most were inaudible.

Officer Stephen Svetz acknowledged that with the approval of the budget and the positions funded in the police department, it was clear that he was no longer employed by the city. He thanked the city for having him here for the time that he was and Mayor Davis expressed his and the city's appreciation for a job well done.

Alderman Kemp made a motion that the meeting adjourn. The motion received a second from Alderman Baker. The Motion carried by voice vote with no opposition.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:15pm.

Date: _____

Approved: _____
Larance Davis, Mayor

Attest: _____
Curt Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer